

AN ORDINANCE
To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DIVISION II, PART 8,
PLANNING AND REGULATION OF DEVELOPEMNT,
CHAPTER 3, ZONING, ARTICLES 5.0, 8.0, 9.0, AND 13.0 TO
PERMIT THE PHARMACY FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS
DISPENSARY OR MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY
USE; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Division II, Part 8, Planning and Regulation of Development, Chapter 3, Zoning, Article 5.0, 8.0, 9.0, and 13.0 (Effective September 1, 2019) of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia hereinafter be referenced as “code”, be amended to read as follows:

*Note: Text and/or figures to be enacted shown in red and underlined.
Text and/or figures to be stricken shown in strikethrough.*

Article 5.0 Base Zoning Districts

Article 8.0 Use Standards

8.4 Commercial Use Standards for Limited and Special Uses

8.4.51 Pharmacy for Medical Cannabis Dispensary or Medical Marijuana Dispensary

- a. Proof of State medical cannabis dispensary or medical marijuana dispensary license shall be required prior to application.
- b. A Medical Cannabis Dispensary or Medical Marijuana Dispensary shall not be closer than 2,000 feet as identified in Sec. 5.4 Principal Use Table to the following uses:
 - i. Civic Uses (botanical garden, arboretum, cemetery, community garden, park (general), wildlife refuge);
 - ii. Community Services (library/community center, museum, post office, police/fire station or substation, EMS substation/ambulance service, shelter (emergency), shelter (transitional), soup kitchen);
 - iii. Day Care Services (child/adult day care home, child/adult day care center, child/adult care home (24 hour), child/adult care center, 24 hour);
 - iv. Educational (College/university/seminary, educational building used by a college/university/seminary, school/public or private (K-12), school/trade/vocational/business);
 - v. Places of Worship;
 - vi. Detention and Correctional Facilities (All detention and correctional facilities, correctional transitional facility);
 - vii. Health Care Facilities (Substance recovery facility); and
 - viii. Eating and Drinking Establishments (Package stores).
- c. At the time of application, the Petitioner shall submit the following information:
 - i. Information on the proposed structure the facility will be located including total square footage, security installations/security plan including type of security system and plans to address operations when security and surveillance system malfunction, and building code compliance.
 - ii. Hours of operation.
 - iii. A licensee may be required to revise and resubmit its public safety plan, to include implementation of additional public safety measures, which may include, without limitation, the installation of security cameras with technical capabilities as specified by the police chief, where it appears that the operation of the licensee's business has resulted in an extraordinary expenditure of public safety resources. The failure of a licensee or its employees, agents and servants to adhere to the terms and conditions of an approved public safety plan shall constitute a violation of this article, in addition to any other applicable statute, ordinance or regulation, and

subject the licensee to the penalty provisions set forth in Article 12.0, as amended.

- d. No flashing lights, search lights, spot lights, or other similar lighting systems may be used on the exterior of the building.
- e. Electronic message boards and temporary signs not allowed.
- f. Hours of operation are 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.
- g. This use shall be in a stand-alone building.
- h. Facility may not conduct any sales or distribution of cannabis other than as authorized by State law.
- i. Onsite consumption of cannabis by the public shall not be allowed on the premises.
- j. The use shall be prohibited in Alcohol Density Overlay Districts.

Article 9.0 General Site Standards

9.3.4 Off-Street Parking Requirements

Table 9.3-1 Minimum Space Requirements

	Vehicle	Bicycle
COMMERCIAL USES		
Retail Sales		
<u>Pharmacy for Medical Cannabis Dispensary or Medical Marijuana Dispensary</u>	<u>1 per 275 SF</u>	<u>5% of vehicle parking</u>

Article 13.0 Abbreviations and Definitions

Section 13.2 Defined Terms, General

Pharmacy for Medical Cannabis Dispensary or Medical Marijuana Dispensary: A business or organization that is granted a license for the sale and distribution of medicinal cannabis products, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 16-12-190 and elsewhere regulated by the State of Georgia.

SECTION 2: That the requirements of Section 3.2 of the Zoning Ordinance effective the 1st of September 2019, and the law in such cases made and provided has been satisfied. An opportunity for a public hearing was afforded anyone having an interest or property right which

may have been affected by this zoning amendment, said notice being published in the Savannah Morning News, on the 9th of May 2023, a copy of said notice being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective as of the date hereof.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: _____ day of _____ 2023.

Van R. Johnson, II
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Massey
Clerk of Council